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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 2 (I) of 1 February 1946, 2480 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 52/23 of 25 November 1997 and 54/64 of 6 December 1999,

1. *Welcomes* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Takes note* of the appointment of a coordinator for multilingualism;

3. *Notes* the expressed will of the Secretariat to encourage Secretariat officials, in formal meetings with interpretation services, to use any of the six official languages of which they have a command;

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4. *Recalls* that the promotion of staff in the Professional and higher categories subject to Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2480 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968 should take into account adequate and confirmed knowledge of a second official language, and urges the Secretariat and the executive heads of agencies of the United Nations system to ensure, in particular when promoting staff, respect for equality of the working languages of the Secretariat or one of the working languages of another body of the Organization and of their use;

5. *Urges* the Secretariat, when recruiting staff, to take into account the knowledge of an official language of the United Nations, in addition to the language of general parlance within the country of the candidates or their mother tongue, whether or not the latter is an official language of the United Nations;

6. *Takes note* of the overhaul of the recruitment system undertaken by the Secretariat in the context of Project Galaxy, and requests the Secretariat to ensure that the system becomes effective and operational in the second quarter of 2002 and that its potential for furthering multilingualism in the management of vacancy announcements is fully utilized;

7. *Urges* delegations of Member States and the Secretariat to plan working meetings so that they are held, except under exceptional circumstances, with interpretation and on the basis of documents that have been translated in good time, according to the resolutions of the General Assembly, into the six official languages;

8. *Requests* the Secretariat to carry out a comprehensive review of the reasons for the trend of holding calendar meetings of General Assembly committees without interpretation and to propose such improvements as it deems fit;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to publish statistical information concerning the acquisition policy of the libraries and documentation centres of the various organs, according to linguistic criteria;

10. *Invites* the Secretariat to consider publishing on the United Nations web site a multilingual glossary of United Nations terminology;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-eighth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of resolution 50/11 and of the present resolution, including, in particular, any necessary updated statistical information on the development of the use of languages within the Secretariat;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Multilingualism".